

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2293
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2004
OPENING OF POST OFFICES
Yerrannaidu Shri Kinjarapu

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of representations have been received by the Government to open post offices in West Enclave, Pitampura and in Vikaspuri, Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of representations received are given in the Annexure.

(c) The proposal for opening a post office in West Enclave, Pitampura was approved on 31.10.96, but the post office could not be opened due to non availability of suitable accommodation in the area, inspite of personal contacts with the Residents Welfare Association, Property dealers and floating of tenders by the Department.

A double handed Sub Post Office is already functioning in Vikaspuri since 1.9.1980. Delivery is being effected by Tilak Nagar and Janakpuri Post Offices. Another single handed Sub Post Office was approved and opened with effect from 30.3.2000. It was physically made functional as AG-I Block Vikaspuri in the premises of Vikaspuri post office building as a temporary measure with the intention to shift it to its proper location, as suitable accommodation for housing this post office could not be obtained inspite of repeated efforts by floating tenders. Subsequently review of the post office was carried out and it was found running on heavy loss and also not conforming to the distance condition for its existence. The post office was therefore merged with Vikaspuri post office with effect from 1.6.2003.

ANNEXURE

DETAILS OF REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED FOR OPENING OF POST OFFICES IN WEST ENCLAVE PITAMPURA

1. Shri G.S. Bhardwaj, Member of Legislative Assembly, Delhi dated 5.12.95.
2. Shri P.R. Wadhwa Office of Chief Minister, National Capital Territory of Delhi dated 14.6.2000.
3. West Enclave Pensioners Association dated 13.12.2001.
4. Shri Som Nath Chatterjee, Chairman, Standing Committee on Information Technology through the Secretary, Posts dated 19.3.2002.

DETAILS OF REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED FOR OPENING OF POST OFFICES IN VIKASPURI

1. CONFEDERATION OF RESIDENTS Welfare Association dated 30.7.1997.
2. General Secretary, All India Postal Employees dated 30.3.98 and 2.2.99.

3. Shri Keshav Ram, C-39 Vikaspuri through the Prime Minister office dated 1.8.99
4. The Hindustan Times dated 22.11.99 under the heading `urgent need of Post Office, Dispensary.
5. Vikaspuri Welfare Association dated 5.6.2000.